

**The Third Sunday in Lent**  
**Morning Prayer Service**  
*March 20, 2022 ~ 9:00 a.m.*

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Opening Hymn 150** “Forty Days and Forty Nights”

Forty days and forty nights  
thou wast fasting in the wild;  
forty days and forty nights  
tempted, and yet undefiled.

Should not we thy sorrow share  
and from worldly joys abstain,  
fasting with unceasing prayer,  
strong with thee to suffer pain?

Then if Satan on us press,  
Jesus, Savior, hear our call!  
Victor in the wilderness,  
grant we may not faint or fall!

So shall we have peace divine:  
holier gladness ours shall be;  
round us, too, shall angels shine,  
such as ministered to thee.

Keep, O keep us, Savior dear,  
ever constant by thy side;  
that with thee we may appear  
at the eternal Eastertide.

**Opening Sentence**

*Officiant*     Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*All*             **His mercy endures forever.**

**Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near**

**to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.**

*Officiant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

### **Litany of Penitence**

*The Officiant and People together, all standing, sitting, or kneeling*

**All Most holy and merciful Father:  
We confess to you and to one another,  
and to the whole communion of saints  
in heaven and on earth,  
that we have sinned by our own fault  
in thought, word, and deed;  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

*The Officiant continues*

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

**All Have mercy on us, Lord.**

We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

**All Have mercy on us, Lord.**

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

**All We confess to you, Lord.**

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

**All We confess to you, Lord.**

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

**All We confess to you, Lord.**

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

**All We confess to you, Lord.**

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

**All We confess to you, Lord.**

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

**All Accept our repentance, Lord.**

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

**All Accept our repentance, Lord.**

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

**All Accept our repentance, Lord.**

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;

**All Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.**

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,

**All That we may show forth your glory in the world.**

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,

**All Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

*Officiant* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

**All Amen.**

### **Invitatory**

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

**All And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Officiant* The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: Come let us adore him.

**Christ our Passover** *(said responsively by whole verse)*

*Officiant* Alleluia.  
Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \*  
therefore let us keep the feast,

*All* **Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \*  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.**

*Officiant* Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \*  
death no longer has dominion over him.

*All* **The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \*  
but the life he lives, he lives to God.**

*Officiant* So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \*  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

*All* **Christ has been raised from the dead, \*  
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.**

*Officiant* For since by a man came death, \*  
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

*All* **For as in Adam all die, \*  
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.**

*Officiant* Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

**Antiphon**

*Officiant* The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: Come let us adore him.

**Psalm 63:1-8** *(said responsively by whole verse)*

*Reader* O God, you are my God, I seek you,  
my soul thirsts for you;

*All* **My flesh faints for you,  
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.**

*Reader* So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,  
beholding your power and glory.

*All*            **Because your steadfast love is better than life,  
my lips will praise you.**

*Reader*        So I will bless you as long as I live;  
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

*All*            **My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips**

*Reader*        When I think of you on my bed,  
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;

*All*            **For you have been my help,  
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.**

*Reader*        My soul clings to you;  
your right hand upholds me.

**First Reading ..... Exodus 3:1-15**

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, ‘I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.’ When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, ‘Moses, Moses!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’ Then he said, ‘Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.’ He said further, ‘I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’ And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, ‘I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.’ But Moses said to God, ‘Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?’ He said, ‘I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.’

But Moses said to God, ‘If I come to the Israelites and say to them, “The God of your ancestors has sent me to you”, and they ask me, “What is his name?” what shall I say to them?’ God said to Moses, ‘I AM WHO I AM.’ He said further, ‘Thus

you shall say to the Israelites, “I AM has sent me to you.” ’ God also said to Moses, ‘Thus you shall say to the Israelites, “The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you”’: This is my name for ever, and this my title for all generations.

*Officiant* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.  
*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle 10** The Second Song of Isaiah (*said responsively by whole verse*)

*Officiant* Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; \*  
call upon him when he draws near.

*All* **Let the wicked forsake their ways \*  
and the evil ones their thoughts;**

*Officiant* And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, \*  
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.

*All* **For my thoughts are not your thoughts, \*  
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.**

*Officiant* For as the heavens are higher than the earth, \*  
so are my ways higher than your ways,  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

*All* **For as rain and snow fall from the heavens \*  
and return not again, but water the earth,**

*Officiant* Bringing forth life and giving growth, \*  
seed for sowing and bread for eating,

*All* **So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; \*  
it will not return to me empty;**

*Officiant* But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, \*  
and prosper in that for which I sent it.

*All* **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**Second Reading** ..... **1 Corinthians 10:1-13**

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the

rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, ‘The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.’ We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

*Reader*        Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.  
*All*             **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn 574** (verses 1 & 2) “Before Thy Throne, O God, We Kneel”

Before thy throne, O God, we kneel:  
give us a conscience quick to feel,  
a ready mind to understand  
the meaning of thy chastening hand;  
whate'er the pain and shame may be,  
bring us, O Father, nearer thee.

Search out our hearts and make us true;  
help us to give to all their due.  
From love of pleasure, lust of gold,  
from sins which make the heart grow cold,  
wean us and train us with thy rod;  
teach us to know our faults, O God.

**The Gospel ..... Luke 13:1-9**

*Reader*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.  
*All*             **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, ‘Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or

those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.’

Then he told this parable: ‘A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, “See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?” He replied, “Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.”

*Reader*        Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.  
*All*                **Thanks be to God.**

**The Sermon**.....Jessica Moynihan

**Apostles' Creed**

*All*        **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**The Prayers**

*Officiant*    The Lord be with you  
*All*                **And also with you.**  
*Officiant*    Let us pray.



## The Lord's Prayer

*All*        **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Suffrages A

*Officiant*    Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*All*            **And grant us your salvation.**

*Officiant*    Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*All*            **Let your people sing with joy.**

*Officiant*    Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*All*            **For only in you can we live in safety.**

*Officiant*    Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*All*            **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

*Officiant*    Let your way be known upon earth;

*All*            **Your saving health among all nations.**

*Officiant*    Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*All*            **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

*Officiant*    Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*All*            **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

**Solo by Matthew Johnson** “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) ..... by Chris Tomlin

## Collect for Third Sunday in Lent

*Officiant*    Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*All*            **Amen.**

### **Collect for Peace Among the Nations**

*Reader* Almighty God our heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

*All* Amen.

### **Intercessional Prayer**

*Officiant* O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* Amen.

### **Intercessory Prayers**

*Officiant* As we begin this time of prayer for one another, our community, and our world, I invite any prayer requests for traveling, birthdays, anniversaries, or healing.

*Reader prays for all prayer requests.*

*Officiant* God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

*All* Amen.

*Reader* We commend to your Goodness all those who are in any way afflicted or distressed in mind or body. Give them patience under the suffering and power of endurance. We pray especially this week for Justin, Evan, Grace, Anna, Max, Roger, Ellie, Rob, Doug, Sal, Maggie, Joanne, Stephen, Leslie, Diane, Amanda, Linda, Dorothy, Albert, Bill, Tom, Peter, Sue, Ray, Susie, Craig, Sophia, Ron, and Debbie.

*Reader* We pray for all those who grieve the loss of a loved one.

*Reader* O King of all the nations, only joy of every heart, keystone of the mighty arch who makes us one: Come and save the creature you fashioned from clay. Glory to you for ever.

*All* Amen.

### **The General Thanksgiving**

*All* Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*All* Thanks be to God.

*The Officiant concludes*

*Officiant* Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.

*All* Amen.

**Closing Hymn 397** “Now Thank We All our God”

Now thank we all our God,  
with heart, and hands, and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done,  
in whom his world rejoices;  
who from our mother's arms  
hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us!  
with ever-joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us in his grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given,  
the Son, and him who reigns  
with them in highest heaven,  
eternal, Triune God,  
whom earth and heaven adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be, evermore.

*Officiant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All* Thanks be to God.

## Announcements

### **Two Lenten Spiritual Growth Series:**

**The Way of Love:** Wednesday evenings in Lent - 7-8pm, facilitated by Dylan Mello of the SW Region and Mary Perry. Register here (copy and paste link into a browser):

<https://episcopalct.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwscuyhqD8pHdLj4kK1WwkzEkU%20WfY7M17Pm>

**Science of Well-Being:** at Christ Church Sundays in Lent 10:30-11:30am, facilitated by Pastor Jane who encourages everyone to sign up and take the Yale University course "The Science of Well-Being" through Coursera. We will meet Sundays during Coffee Hour either via zoom or in-person to informally discuss what we have learned while taking the course. Sign up here: (copy and paste link into a browser): <https://www.coursera.org/learn/the-science-of-well-being>

**Maundy Thursday:** Maundy Thursday is on April 14th. Christ Church invites you to gather together with others in your home or to do your own Maundy Thursday service with your family. Look to the CCT eNews for more information and resources to help you plan your Maundy Thursday at home meal.

### **Meditation Group: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays:**

Join us at noon on zoom for Meditation Group. All are welcome to join in for meditation and fellowship. Contact the parish office or check the weekly eNews for the zoom link.

### **Prayer Group: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Mondays:**

Our Prayer Group will meet at noon on zoom. This is a virtual space to pray as a group for those in need. All are welcome to join. Contact the parish office or check the weekly eNews for the zoom link.